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Enjoy safe, Fourth of July fun at Lucky Peak sites on the Boise River

BOISE, Idaho – The upcoming July 4 holiday weekend is a great time to visit U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parks and recreation facilities on the Boise River, operated by the Walla Walla District.

Outdoors enthusiasts can enjoy scenic river views while taking advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and swimming opportunities at Lucky Peak Dam and Lake recreation sites.

Summer holidays are also a time to remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Here are a few safety tips District park rangers hope visitors will remember while having fun at Corps lakes and recreation facilities: swim with a buddy, wear properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life preservers; diving, jumping, or swinging from structures, cliffs, bridges, etc., is strictly prohibited; and don't consume intoxicants when operating recreational vessels. Boaters must ensure personal floatation devices are on board for each person – children 14 and younger are required to wear PFDs when underway in boats up to 19 feet in length. State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Corps sites. Hunting on Corps property is allowed in designated areas only.

Corps recreation facilities attract many visitors and to make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody, a few rules apply, because safety is everyone's responsibility. Enjoy the facilities but remember that fireworks are prohibited at Lucky Peak. Recreation officials encourage visitors to attend local fireworks displays in the communities near the parks.

Fires are allowed only in designated fire pits, grills, or fully self-contained unit. Leave firearms and other weapons at home. Keep in mind that alcohol is not permitted on Corps properties in Washington. Corps park rangers, as well as local law enforcement officials, will be patrolling throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

Recreation areas associated with Lucky Peak Dam and Lake on the Boise River are listed as follows:

Contact information unless stated otherwise: Lucky Peak Dam and Lake. Telephone: (208) 343-0671.

Email: LuckyPeakLake@usace.army.mil.

All Lucky Peak parks are open. The current lake level allows convenient access to "boat-in" sites. Dam officials are expecting heavy use at all parks and ask the public to be patient and courteous of other visitors. Visitors should check the information kiosks located at Corps recreation facilities for a complete list of rules and regulations.

Lucky Peak State Park (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 334-4199) – \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR open year-round, during daylight hours. *Facilities:* day-use. *Getting there:* travel 10.9 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, proceed 1.1 miles west of Lucky Peak Dam; located at Boise River Mile 63, on the north riverbank.

Foote Park/Lytle Gulch – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, hiking/biking trail. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed 0.9 mile to the park.; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the south riverbank.

Lucky Peak Dam Office – open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Facilities:* day-use, visitor center, restrooms, viewpoint just east of the dam. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, take a right turn, and go 1 mile on access road; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the north riverbank.

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Turner Gulch – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee, payable to USACE. *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, turn right on road over the dam and proceed 1 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

Barclay Bay – open year round. A park host is available for assistance. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee payable to USACE. Barclay Bay Beach is under construction for access improvement. No lifeguard on duty - swim at your own risk. No pets allowed in beach area. No glass containers allowed. No garbage services available: you pack it in, you pack it out! *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Turn right on road over the dam, and proceed 0.7 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

Spring Shores Marina (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 336-9505) – open year-round, during daylight hours \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, marina, restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Take a right turn and go 1.1 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 70.5, on the north riverbank.

Macks Creek – open year round. Park rangers will be on site during the holiday weekend. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, day shelters, tie-up dock, limited tent camping (3-day limit), placing of items to "reserve" a site is prohibited. Pets must remain leashed at all times. No garbage services: you pack it in, you pack it out! Recreational vehicles prohibited. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Little Macks Creek RV Camp Site – Park rangers will be on site during the holiday weekend. *Facilities:* about 8 rustic RV sites available on a first come-first served basis, placing of items to "reserve" at a site is prohibited. Pets must remain leashed at all times. No garbage services available: you pack it in, you pack it out! Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Park host scheduled to be on site. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a right turn and proceed 4.5 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 73, on the north riverbank.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information about Walla Walla District's outdoor recreation opportunities, check out their Web site at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/>

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